MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is.

Delay in the return of Account Books produced in Civil Courts.

134. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (1) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that the merchants of Shencotta are put to considerable hardship since the account books produced in civil courts are not returned promptly and that proper care is not bestowed for the safe custody of these books that are detained in the courts?

(2) If the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and do the needful?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) There was a representation on the subject at the 22nd Session of the Assembly. The High Court, to whom the representation was referred, have stated that the complaint is groundless. In this connection, the member is also referred to Rule 60 of the Civil Courts' Guide.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this does not arise.

Commencement of Work in the Kodayar Irrigation Project Division.

135. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount of surrender from the Kodayar Project Division out of the allotted expenditure for it for the year 1102;

(*b*) whether any explanation was called for from the Division Officer concerned for such surrender;

(*c*) when the present Division Officer took charge of the Kodayar Project Division;

(*d*) the usual period of the year, when public works are generally started by the department in the Kodayar Project Division; and

(*e*) what amount, if any, has been spent during the months of Chingam, Kanni and Tulam of the current year (1103) in the said Division?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 98,115.

(*b*) The Division Officer had explained the causes of the surrender in his report to the Chief Engineer and there is therefore no necessity to call for further explanation from him.

(*c*) On the forenoon of the 16th Kumbham 1102.

(*d*) In the Kodayar Project Division, public works in channels and tanks are usually done at the closure season, *i. e.* between the 1st week of Kumbham and the 1st week of Edavam, when the channels

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are closed. The metalling works on roads are mainly done during the Tulam and Edavam rains. The maintenance of buildings are carried out during the second and third quarters.

			Rs.
(*e*)	Chingam	...	19,239
	Kanni	...	22,614
	Tulam	...	25,721

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod* ഫാമൻ മുതൽ ഫാമാ- വരെ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള തുകയിൽ നിന്ന് വളരെകുറവായിചിലവാക്കാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്ത്?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is something like a new question, and information has to be called for, from the Chief Engineer as to the reason for the low expenditure as compared with the allotment.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) പാർട്ട് ബി. പന്ത്രണ്ടുമാസമായിട്ട് ചിലവാക്കേണ്ടതായ തുകയിൽ പ്രധാനഭാഗം ഒടുവിലത്തെ ആറുമാസങ്ങളിലായി ചിലവാക്കാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്ത്?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): According to the budget allotment the works are taken up at the beginning of the year. Towards the close of the year there is a feeling in the minds of the officers that the sanctioned allotment should not be allowed to lapse and so extra pressure is put by them to see that the amount sanctioned is spent on the works.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഈ വിചാരം കൊണ്ടാണൊ കൂടുതൽ തുകചെലവാക്കുന്നത്?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That also must be one of the reasons. There may be other reasons too which will have to be enquired into.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഇങ്ങിനെചിലവാക്കുന്നപക്ഷം അതുവേല നന്നായിരിക്കുമെന്നുവിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): In the case of some works, provision of funds is made in the budget. But materials may not have been collected or the land acquisition may not have been completed. There may be other extraneous reasons why all the works could not be taken in hand from the beginning of the year. In any case the attempt of the Department is to spend the whole amount before the close of the year.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ദിവ്യാന്തമായിട്ടുപറയാം ഫാമാ-മാണ്ട് ഒരു ലക്ഷത്തോളം രൂപ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ട്

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ണ്ട്. അതിൽ നൂറു ലക്ഷത്തിൽ ചിലപ്പോൾ രൂപ ആറു മാസംകൊണ്ടാണ് ചിലവാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement like that cannot be accepted.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ആറു മാസം കഴിഞ്ഞു വേലതുടങ്ങുന്നതുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഇങ്ങിനെ ചിലവാക്കേണ്ടിവരുന്നത് എന്നഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That cannot be said of all works.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): പാർട്ട് സീ. ഇതിൽ ഫാറം-ൽ ഇത്ര രൂപ സറണ്ടർ ചെയ്യാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്ത്?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): This has to be ascertained from the Chief Engineer.

Allotment and Expenditure on Roads in the Kodayar Project Division.

136. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount allotted and the amount actually spent out of that allotment for opening new roads in the Kodayar Project Division during each of the five years from 1098 to 1102?

(*b*) Will they also be pleased to state the allotment and the amount actually spent for opening new roads for the use of the depressed classes during these five years?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

Budget allotments for the Kodayar Project Division.

137. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount sanctioned for the Kodayar Project Division for the five years from 1098 to 1102?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to state the amounts spent in the last two quarters of each of those years?

(*c*) (i) Has there been any surrender of sanctioned allotments towards the close of each of these five years?

(ii) If any, what is the amount?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount diverted to other Divisions from the allotment for the Kodayar Project Division during these five years?

(*e*) (i) Have any additional allotments been asked for or sanctioned for the Kodayar Project Division at the end of any of these five years?

(ii) If any, what is the amount?

* *Vide* Appendix p. 410.

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